

Staffordshire Federation of Women's Institutes



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(affiliated to the National Federation of Women's Institutes)



Federation Speakers Book 2024/2025

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We also have a list of Speakers on our Facebook page for Zoom talks.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

Many speakers ask this question of our members. The loudest replies are 'yes' and come from those who can. Some speakers say, 'Oh. I don't need a microphone'. Some sit down so not all members can see them which is frustrating.

It is time for all who have difficulty in hearing others to be '**Heard**'. This applies to every group whether WI or not. Let us consider every one of our members by ensuring they can enjoy a meeting as much as someone without any hearing loss.

If a hearing induction loop is available in the meeting room, make sure it is switched on and remind those with a hearing aid to turn their device to the T position. **ALL MEMBERS** deserve the same treatment as those with full hearing so let us rethink the way we present our meetings and ensure that we have equality within every WI by supplying all speakers with a microphone - hands free where necessary, and asking them to stand when speaking whenever possible.

How to plan your programme and use the Speakers' Book

When planning your programme, remember that the monthly meeting is the most vital part of WI life, that the speaker is the highlight of the meeting and funds spent on good speakers is money well spent.

An imaginative and varied selection of talks or demonstrations will keep members interested and attract new ones. With the help of a programme-planning sub-committee, try to provide subjects they would like to hear. Purely social activities, parties, outings etc should be arranged as extras and not take place instead of the monthly meeting.

This book is revised regularly and additional recommendations of speakers prepared to visit WIs are welcome. The Staffordshire Federation does, however, reserve the right to delete, retain or add names of speakers and demonstrators.

When booking speakers, secretaries should apply by email, or in writing enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for reply. Printed booking forms are available from County Office. The following points should be mentioned:

- 1 Title of talk, or exact nature of demonstration, required.
- 2 Date of meeting.
- 3 The Speaker would appreciate a designated parking place.

4 - Place of meeting, village and hall, good directions to find the hall, including the postcode; a sketch map is helpful; whether public transport is available; any possible charge for car parking.

5 - Time at which speaker will begin and length of time allowed for the talk.

- 6 Approximate size of audience.
- 7 Enquire as to equipment to be provided for a demonstration or illustrated talk.
- 8 Ask about fees and travelling expenses the cost of petrol and diesel continues to rise.

REMEMBER: When booking speakers **PLEASE** make sure you ask for **CURRENT FEES AND TRAVELLING EXPENSES**

Remember to send a reminder to the speaker a fortnight before the Meeting - printed forms are also available from Federation Office.

If a speaker cancels at short notice please, ring Federation Office on 01785 223838, they may be able to help.

We do not recommend that speakers should sell items at WI meetings. If unavoidable, then ten per cent commission on sales should be paid to the WI.

The SFWI publishes the following list of speakers in good faith, believing the details to be accurate. The Federation does not hold itself responsible for any misunderstandings or ill effects that may arise from the booking of any speaker on the list.

WI ADVISERS

Please get in touch with your Contact Area Adviser if you would like to arrange a visit. WI Advisers will discuss or speak on any aspect of WI activities, and may be contacted at short notice.

THE POWER OF THE PRESS

Do you take time to tell others what your WI gets up to? Do you have someone who is responsible for writing Press Reports? If not, consider a shared responsibility - a rota when a different Member writes a Report each month.

Local press are generally very happy to print WI reports so long as they meet certain criteria. It is a very good way to raise your profile and attract Visitors to your meetings – and if they like what they see they may become new Members.

SFWI's Press Officer has put together a Procedure Note to help you harness the Power of the Press and would be happy to give advice on anything publicity related.

Contact: Karen Sulway - Trustee & SFWI Press Officer – email: sfwipressofficer@gmail.com

PROCEDURE NOTE PRESS OFFICER **ADD DATE **

FUNCTION;

To raise the profile of the WI and to encourage Visitors/new Members through informative, engaging, concise and timely reports on Meetings, events and trips through local press and, where applicable, the SFWI News Bulletin, WI web-page and social media such as Facebook.

Reports to WI Life can be considered when there are special events or when specific feature items are requested.

SCOPE;

All Meetings, events and trips organised by the WI.

CONTENT;

Facebook should be two or three lines only. Other reports should be around 250 words, submitted electronically and contain An eye-catching headline that is short and to the point Clear reference to the WI

When the Meeting/event /trip took place

Interesting but concise details

At least one photograph attached

Time & Date & Place of the next meeting & Speaker's name and topic where further information can be obtained

POINTS TO NOTE ;

If members are featured on any photographs, their consent must be obtained prior to submission to the Press. However, photos taken from Facebook pages are appropriate. A photograph of people should have at least two, preferably three clearly in shot. Details of the photographs are to given in a footnote.

Contact details for the WI Press Officer are to be given in a footnote.

EXAMPLES OF PRESS CONTACTS ;

SFWI News Bulletin admin@sfwi.org

Staffordshire Newsletter editor@staffordshirenewsletter.co.uk

Express & Star www.expressandstar.com/your-world (Register/online form)

Lichfield Mercury mercury.editorial@cintamworth.co.uk

The Sentinel (S-o-T) robert.andrews@trinitymirror.com

newsdesk@thesentinel.co.uk

Burton Mail editorial@burtonmail.co.uk

Leek Post & Times newsdesk@thepostandtimes.co.uk

Cheadle area Online hargreavespr@outlook.com

The Stone Gazette lol_barnes@btinternet.com

Stone & Eccleshall Gazette editorial@stonegazette.com

The Village Voice dan@myvillagevoice.co.uk

Uttoxeter Voice uttoxetervoice@hotmail.co.uk

WI Life wilife@nfwi.org.uk

REVIEW ; This Procedure Note will be reviewed annually but revised when necessary

ARTS AND CRAFTS

ANALIZA JONES

53 Clopton Road, Stratford upon Avon, Warkwickshire CV37 6SN Tel: 01789 565075 email: siimpp@yahoo.com The making of handwoven bags from the Philippines The Philippines, Culturally Quirky (a humerous talk) Shell Craft from the Philippines Will supply a laptop and a projector-requires large table Fee: £75 inclusive of travel - available at short notice

ELAINE LE MONTAIS

Holly Lodge, Kenderline Close, Bednall, Stafford ST17 0YS email: elaine@lemontais.co.uk Card making sessions during which members will create a beautiful card Contact to discuss requirements. Price depends on number of participants/materials etc Travel expenses 45p per mile-willing to travel a radius of 30-40 mins from ST17 0YS

BOB NEILL

10 Long Croft, Aston on Trent, Derby DE72 2UH Tel: 01332 792036 email:<u>bob</u>.neill1@btinternet.com Bits and bobs - Guess what they are? www.bobneillpyrography.co.uk Audience participation

Fee: £65.00, plus travel expenses

SUE ROBINSON (WI member)

6 Barnfield Road, Upper Tean, Stoke on Trent ST10 4LA Tel: 01538 723409 email: suecake200@live.co.uk mobile: 07736 619556 Folky Painting – paint a coaster/heart, not a paintbrush in sight Papercraft – including Origami, cardmaking, boxes small packages Can be hands on or a demonstration, phone to discuss your preference. Encaustic Art – painting using an iron and wax, with a chance to have a go after the demonstration Provides own iron; PAT tested

Fee: £45.00 with additional charges for hands on, plus travel expenses of 30p per mile

CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS

website:

GARY FEAR

12 Parsons Drive, Gnosall, Stafford ST20 0QS Tel: 01785 822922 email: me@garyjfear.co.uk Aid to Ukraine Multi media presentation using own equipment Fee: £100 including travelling expenses—added to the fundraising

NEWLIFE CHARITY, HEMLOCK WAY, CANNOCK STAFFORDSHIRE WS11 7GF

Tel: 01543 462777 email: lbeardmore@newlifecharity.co.uk mobile: 07795 911823 Newlife, the Charity for Disabled Children-a virtual tour of our Charity Contact: Lucy Beardmore How to fund raise for a local Charity PowerPoint presentation. Provides own equipment

No fee or travelling expenses but donations welcome

SHROPSHIRE, STAFFORDSHIRE AND CHESHIRE BLOOD BIKES

Watling Chambers, West Suite, 214 Watling St, Cannock, Staffs WS11 0BD Contact Helen Bundy Tel: 01785 822963 email: talks@ssbbgroup.org.uk mobile: 07870 868347 Shropshire, Staffordshire and Cheshire Blood Bikes www.ssbbgroup.org.uk Multi media presentation using own equipment Fee: a donation, no travel expenses

mobile: 07443 565185 Facebook: Analiza habi bags

mobile: 07747 118372

mobile: 07799 885781



COUNTRYSIDE AND THE ENVIRONMENT GRACE AND MAY HOME The Plant Plot Garden Centre, Stafford Road, Lichfield WS13 8JA Tel: email: hello@graceandmayhome.co.uk mobile: 07814 676583 Sustainable Cleaning www.graceandmavhome.co.uk Recycling made Easy Fee: £30 Weekday evenings only within 30 miles of Lichfield **RICHARD POTTER** 154 Heath Street, Hednesford, Cannock WS12 4BT Tel: mobile: 07956 532247 email: richi154@hotmail.co.uk History of the universe from the BIG BANG and Climate Change Multimedia presentation using own equipment Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61560949678158 Fee: £50. No travelling expenses. Will travel up to 30 miles radius from WS12 4BT **MIKE TAYLOR** 222 Cemetery Road, Cannock, Staffs WS11 4QF Tel: email: mitay66@yahoo.com mobile: 07871 994959 Coppice woodlands in the 21st Century-ways of working to enhance nature And provide an income From our Woodland to your Home Multi media presentation using own equipment, but WI would need to provide a screen Fee: £60.00. No travelling expenses within Staffordshire FOOD IAN ROGERSON 12 Ashleigh Road, Glenfield, Leicester LE3 8DA email: lan timeless@icloud.com mobile: 07983 632286 Smile please - say cheese! Turkey talk Carvery, with or without entertainment Fee: Talk 1 and 2 - £70.00. Talk 3, on application. Will travel up to 50 miles from home HEALTH AND WELL BEING KEITH FORREST—PHD, MSC, BA (Hons) 10 Sandringham Close, Baswich, Stafford ST17 0AB Tel: email: keithforrest58@hotmail.com mobile: 07752 400345 How to heal yourself Past lives and reincarnation No fee and a nominal donation for travelling expenses **JAN MITCHELL** 51 Cedar Way, Walton on the Hill, Stafford ST17 0NB Tel: 01785 606343 email: haves.mitchell17@gmail.com 20 ways to lift your spirits—a lively boost for your mental health Less stress/Sleeping well/health and well being-two separate talks for your wellbeing Mind your body language—how to be more aware of your own and read other people's Fee: £69.00 plus travel expenses. May be able to speak at short notice.

GLYNIS MYLES

The Bungalow, 31 Beech Tree Lane, Cannock, StaffsWS11 1AZTel:email: signingwithsmyles@hotmail.commobile: 07870 767154Having fun with sign language!Fee: £50.00, plus travel expenses depending on distance.mobile: 07870 767154

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HISTORY

MARION ARMSTRONG (WI member)

The Dales, Stanley Moss Lane, Stockton Brook, Stoke on Trent ST9 9LR Tel: 01782 502568 email: marionarmstrong81@btinternet.com Chasing paper skeletons – a Registrar's light hearted talk about family history The remarkable VAD nurses of WWI and their impact on women's lives today 10 inspiring women-who thought they could and did! Multi media presentation using own equipment Fee: £50, travelling expenses negotiated No bookings accepted in January or February

TREVOR J BEVAN

Greenside, Dove Close, Church Farm, Burntwood Green WS7 9JL Tel: 01543 672862 email: trevbev@hotmail.co.uk mobile: 07775 625301 A Dickens of a Tale Requires two long tables for memorabilia Fee: £70, travelling expenses included if local otherwise negotiablle

DR MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN CBE 78 Whitehouse Drive, Lichfield, Staffordshire WS13 8FE Tel: 01543 418063 email: michael.goldstein@btinternet.com mobile: 07910 153587 Who killed my Father? — a personal 60-year journey to discover who killed my father, how he died and what happened next. He was Sgt Jack Goldstein RAFVR, the only member of a seven man crew to be killed when his Lancaster Bomber was shot down during a final WW2. Multimedia presentation using own equipment

Fee: Nominal fee at host's discretion-donated by speaker to The National Memorial Arboretum

JESS BOYDON-JUCKES

Royal Airforce Museum, Cosford, Lysander Avenue Shifnal, Shropshire TF11 8UP email: iess.bovdon-iuckes@rafmuseum.org mobile: 07708 944753 RAF stories: sharing stories of women in aviation RAF stories: sharing stories about famous Chinnok helicopter, Bravo November website: www.rafstories.org Multi media presentation using own equipment but will require screen or white wall for projection

Fee: no fee, no travel expenses

JUDITH HUBBLE

8 Essex Drive, Great Haywood, Nr Stafford ST18 0RL Tel: 01889 882567 email: judehubb1207@yahoo.co.uk mobile: 07817 750067 Shugborough Hall – a brief history The life and times of Patrick Lichfield A servant's lot Multi media presentation providing own equipment Fee: £50.00, plus travel expenses of between £10 and £15

GRAHAME KERR

Keepers Cottage, Shifnal Manor Estate, Shifnal, Shropshire TF11 9PB email: pellwall@hotmail.com mobile: 07771 636493 Tel: Colonial Life in Far East 1930's -1960's The fate and women in 1942 when Japanese invaded many states in Singapore Own monitor and USB provided No fee although requests a purchase of five books

DOVE HEARING CENTRES

53 Upper Huntbach Street, Hanley, ST1 2BX Tel: 01782 253531 email: candy@dovehearingcentres.co.uk General Hearing Health & Ear Checks Monday to Friday day time Stoke-on-Trent area Fee: no fe, no travel expenses

VANESSA MORGAN 26 Rockcliffe Close, Church Gresley, Derbyshire DE11 9FD Tel: email: vanessa62472@hotmail.co.uk mobile: 07746 800484 Stories Grandad Told Local 19th Century True Murder and Crime Stories website: vanessamorgan.yolasite.com Lavinia, Princess or Fake Fee: £40-£60. No travelling expenses. Willing to travel up to an hour from home **RICHARD POTTER** 154 Heath Street, Hednesford, Cannock WS12 4BT Tel: email: richi154@hotmail.co.uk mobile: 07956 532247 The Medici family, Banking and Renaissance Art Multimedia presentation using own equipment Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61560949678158 Fee: £50. No travelling expenses. Will travel up to 30 miles radius of WS12 4BT DEAN NIXON AND NORMA SHAW 23 Lowell Drive, Park Hall, Weston Coyney, Stoke on Trent, Staffs ST3 5RX Tel: 01782 327168 email: DEANNIXON@BTINTERNET.COM mobile: 07941 953271 Antarctica—The trip of a lifetime website: gossamerimages.co.uk Every night something Awful! ENSA and War time entertainers Charles Dickens and our Christmas Traditions Multimedia presentation using own equipment Fee: £60.00, plus travel expenses of 50p a mile after first 20 miles; will travel up to 45 minutes **CAROLINE SPEIRS** 51 Briarswood, Biddulph, Staffordshire ST8 6BW Tel: 01782 510446 email: cnmspeirs@aol.com mobile: 07836 666089 My Mum Flew Spitfires The World War II Air Transport Auxiliary Women Pilots Multimedia-borrows equipment if none available at venue Fee: 50 plus travel expenses of 30ppm if over 15 miles from Biddulph

LANGUAGE AND DRAMA

BERT FLITCROFT

79 Church Lane, Fradley, Lichfield WS13 8NJ Tel: 01283 790571 email: bflitcroft@btinternet.com Reminiscence—a stroll down poetry lane! Fee: £80.00 plus travel expenses of £10 Available at short notice.

mobile: 07583 362969 website: <u>bertflitcroft-poetry.com</u>

RICHARD POTTER

154 Heath Street, Hednesford, Cannock WS12 4BT Tel: email: richi154@hotmail.co.uk The life and poetry of Dylan Thomas Multimedia presentation using own equipment

mobile: 07956 532247

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61560949678158

Fee: £50. No travelling expenses. Will travel up to 30 miles radius of WS12 4BT



MUSIC

CHRIS AUSTIN (playing as CHRIS STRATMAN)

30 The Village, Walton on the Hill, Nr Stafford, Staffs ST17 0LQ Tel: 01785 662945 email: redstrat66@sky.com mobile: 07791 673312 Into the Shadows – a history of the greatest every instrumental group including a live performance Out of the Shadows – a further exploration of aspects of music from 50's and 60's Gentle Instrumental— What is music and its purpose? All three talks covered are illustrated by live performances of some of the most popular guitar instrumentals ever written Multi media presentation and provides own equipment which is safety checked Fee: negotiable based on £2.00 per head and ncludes travel expenses

JONATHAN BADDELEY

Beech Tree House, Manor Road, Baldwins Gate, Newcastle, Staffs ST5 5ET Tel: 01782 680587 email: j.baddeley4578@btinternet.com The Lancashire Lad and his Uke! - Life story of George Formby in word and song Musical nostalgia concerts—Wartime, Christmas, 1950s and 1960s Popular songs with a festival flavour at Christmasnegotiable, travel expenses included

NEVILLE COOPER

Flat 18,The Leys, Hickley Road, Burbage Leicestershire LE10 2AJ Tel: email: neville.cooper@btinternet.com Discover South American Music Dance Music through the Ages Fee: £90 plus £20 maximum travelling expenses depending on distance

DAVID PAYNE

46 Home Farm Park, Lee Green Lane, Church Minshull, Nantwich, Cheshire CW3 6ED Tel: email: David.f.payne58@gmail.com They don't write them like this anymore. Look back at the songs of our youth and the memories Fee: £50, travelling expenses £15, south of Stoke and Newcastle

STEVE AND JULIE WIGLEY

1(d) Carlisle Avenue, Littleover, Derby DE23 3ETTel: 01332 726217email: sandjw.music937@gmail.comThe Songs and Stories—Songs of home, family, the sea and much moreSongwriging, discussion, examples, techniques and presentationThe RSPB Big Garden BirdwatchMultimedia presentationFee: £50 including travel expenses

INN RINGERS (ROWENA DAWSON)

367 Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke on Trent, Staffs ST3 7LJTel: 01782 392621email: rodaws@yahoo.co.ukmobile: 07816 545713Bells and Banter—6 ringers with 12 handbells, chat/audience participationwebsite: theinnringers.co.ukFee: £45 plus travelling expenses of bookings more than 15 miles from Tittensor of 35ppm per car





mobile: 07968 279675

website: latitude.uk.com

PERSONAL HISTORY AND EXPERIENCES

CHRISTOPHER BOULT

32 Kingston Avenue, StaffordST16 3RXTel: 01785 252597email: staffordauthor@gmail.commobile: 07531 851904The experience of writing, marketing and publishing your own booksCrime fiction. Nine books published to date, book 10 is on the way!Fee: £60.00, includes travel expenses

MARGARET CLARKE (WI member)

Dovecote Barn, Home Farm Barns, Church Road, Rolleston on Dove, Staffs DE13 9BG Tel: 01283 752314 email: clarkem14@yahoo.co.uk mobile: 07736 254121 Are you Averill? – a talk about my search for my birth parents website: margaretclarkdotcom.wordpress.com Fee: £40.00, plus travel expenses of 40p a mile

RICHARD COBOURNE

Catbrook Cottage, Catbrook, Monmouthshire NP16 6NQ Tel: email: Richard@cobourne.com mobile: 07860 747488 Write from What you Know—I shouldn't really be telling you this! website: <u>www.cobourne.com</u> Multimedia presentation, pictorial. Provides own laptop/projector but not screen No fee or travelling expenses

JAMES ELLSON

Farlands House, Kinder Road, Hayfield, High Peak SK22 2LJ
Tel: 01663 744010mobile: 07958 930049
website: https://jamesellson.com/

The Long Road to Publication: a talk of a twin career of detective and crimewriter Five Hours Up, Five Hours Down: Soloing the Matterhorn A Turkey is Just for Christmas—Nine lessons from the Winter Smallholding Multimedia, provides own equipment Fee: £75 plus travelling expenses of 50p pm

SUSAN M FLINT

76a, Claremont Road, Tamworth, Staffs B79 8EWmobile: 07980 650038Tel: 01827 51896email: sueflint13@hotmail.commobile: 07980 650038My Journey to Publication/Becoming an Authorwebsite: https://sueflintsfs.blogspot.comFee: £50 plus travel expenses of 45p per milewebsite: https://sueflintsfs.blogspot.comNo winter evenings. Days or evenings locally up to 10 miles.Daytime only up to 20 milesFee: £50, travelling expenses £5Daytime only October to February

ROWENA LOVATT (WI member)

150 Buxton Road, Leek, StaffsST13 6NETel: 01538 371103email: rowenalovatt@btinternet.commobile: 07494 408722A Lingerie Designer's LifeLeek EmbroideryFee: £20.00, plus petrolFee: £20.00, plus petrolNot more than 25 miles from Leek in afternoons but summer evenings preferred

STEVE WILLIAMS

The Old Cart Shed, Draycott Road, Totmonslow, Staffordshire ST10 4JJTel:email: Stevewilliamsocs@gmail.comThe history of Old English sayings and customsmobile: 07885 758937Jack the RipperJack the RipperFabulous trees and woodlandsProjector provided and white wall or screen requiredFee: £50 plus travelling expenses of 25p per mileEnglish and the stress of 25p per mile

TRAVEL AND INTERNATIONAL TOPICS



RODNEY PAUL

Highland House, 19 Jacks Lane, Marchington ST14 8LW Tel: email: Rodney.paul@btinternet.com mobile: 07984 976164 A journey to the coldest place on Earth—a background to the Antarctic Passionate about penguins—an introduction to penguins The life and times of Captain Scott, the story behind the ill fated expedition to the South Pole Other talks available, all Antarctic related Multi-media presentation. Provides projector but not screen Fee: A £65 plus travelling expenses of 40p per mile. Available at short notice

IAN PETTIT

56 The Green, Castle Donnington, Derby DE74 2JX Tel: 01332 853505 email: <u>ianpettit77@gmail.com</u> My Hobby Photography—a reason to travel and more! On my Doorstep Travel Talks—Australia, New Zealand, Canada, India, Britain Multi media presentation using own equipment Fee: £45.00, plus travel expenses of 45p a mile over 30 miles Available at short notice

mobile: 07908 338592 Website: <u>ianpettitphotography.co.uk</u>